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GOVERNMENT RY. POLICY

J. A. Macdonald's
Masterly Review
of Mr. McBride's
Railway Policy

J. A. Macdonald, the Liberal leader, addressed a big mass meeting at Kelowna last Thursday evening, and as the railway policy of the Government is of paramount interest in this valley, the following extracts from his speech, as it appears in The Daily News, will be read with keen interest:

For the last three years, I am sorry to say, we have not had party government. The premier threw down, in order to get office, not only Liberals, like Oliver and Smith-Curtis, who had helped him to defeat one of the most scandalous contracts ever known, but hon. Charles Wilson, a life-long conservative. McBride was returned by the country without a majority and to keep office he formed an alliance with the Revolutionary Socialists, who were and are now, prepared to lower the old flag and to replace it by the red one. The speaker, had no quarrel with real socialists but had no sympathy with the revolutionaries. (Applause) McBride had not been carrying on a conservative government and the majority of conservatives do not approve of his alliance.

The McBride Government never had any fixed principle except to retain of power.

It was elected on party lines, but it broke those at once by the alliance with the Socialists. This is shown conclusively by the conduct of these two men, Hawthornswait and McBride, commencing with the settlers' right bill and ending with C. & W. bill.

That the government was without a single guiding principle except the retention of office, as an antidote of the interests of the province, was further emphasized, in its hesitation to do anything beyond tampering with existing legislation.

Before the election of 1903 McBride had it heralded abroad that he had a magnificent policy regarding railways, which would give sections of the province which were being held back for want of them a chance to expand. It was asserted that 2500 miles of railways were to be built under this scheme. In every platform the progressive policy of the government was proclaimed and the people thought that at least on this subject the McBride government had some definite plan of action.

The first session was held. The government said they would defend their proposals before the house. The time of the session dragged along. The ministry made excuses, from day to day for its failure to do something. But they did nothing. They were between the devil and the deep sea; their promises on one hand, their utter incapacity on the other.

Then a bright thought struck the premier—he would hold a summer session. The Colonist and the News-Advertiser asserted that this was the really wise and statesmanlike course. It was a question, they asserted, requiring immediate action and its importance required a special session.

No summer session was called. The government deceived the legislature and the people utterly, and apparently without shame, these solemn assurances were actually broken.

Another session came, and again the government promised to let the house and the people know what they intended to do in fulfillment of their promises. This time the government had a railway policy. It was a policy prepared by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and you may be sure it was not conceived with an eye to the interests of the province. The proposal was to give the C. P. R. a bonus of \$1,000,000 to help that wealthy corporation to build a railway south from Spencer's Bridge. This huge gift was only abandoned by Mr. McBride and his ministry after a long struggle with a number of his more conscientious followers, who stoutly refused to stand for it.

That this bonus was not required is shown by the fact that a few months afterwards construction was commenced on the road in question without any

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bonus at all. But if the McBride govern-

ment is sustained the railway com-

pany will come again; don't make any

mistake about that.

In the session of 1906 Mr. McBride

further developed his railway policy.

Again the C. P. R. assumed the reins

of government in this province, whipped

the socialists into line with their allies,

and, in spite of the opposition of one or

two honest Conservatives, succeeded this

time in getting what they wanted,

or at least the first instalment of what

they wanted, 800,000 acres of land, in

payment, forthwith, for broken promises

made by the railway company to build

the Columbia & Western railway right

through.

But the C. P. R. McBride-Hawthorn-

swait government had yet another

railway string to their bow. Govern-

ment by the people had given place to

government by the C. P. R. and their

selling tools. So why should the C. P.

R. pay taxes when it holds the reins of

power? No let the people pay. The

railway corporation escaped to the land

of over half a million dollars.

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already; and want the railway in a few
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North East Kootenay District:
Commencing at a post placed on the east
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said creek from lot 204 Group 1,
"North East Corner," thence south 80
chains; thence west 40 chains; thence
north 80 chains; thence east 40 chains to
point of commencement. Containing
320 acres more or less.

Located this 6th day of November A.
D. 1906.
per HARRY OGLETON, Agent.

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Commencing at a post placed about 30
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thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains
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Dated 22nd Oct. 1906.

H. A. WATSON,
per J. L. McKay, Agent.

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